

**BEFORE THE
GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF

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CASE NO.

VALERIE RODGERS

22-0128-C

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission ("Commission") pursuant to a Complaint filed by the Commission on September 9, 2022. Now, prior to an administrative hearing on this matter, Valerie Rodgers ("Respondent") and the Commission agree to resolve the above-styled matter by a Consent Order under the terms and conditions described herein.

Findings of Fact

Respondent was a candidate for State Senate District 25 during the 2022 general election cycle. Respondent was a first-time candidate. During her time as a candidate for public office, Respondent was subject to the rules and requirements of the Commission.

Candidates for public office are required to file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports ("CCDR") during statutorily prescribed times during an election year. Respondent filed her Declaration of Intent to Accept Campaign Contributions ("DOI") on March 22, 2022, as such, she was required to file an April 30, June 30, September 30, October 25, and December 31 CCDR. In the present matter, Respondent failed to timely file an April 30, June 30, and September 30 CCDR.

Respondent has been cooperative and transparent with Commission staff during the pendency of this complaint. Respondent also furnished documents and was assisted by Commission Staff in closing her account and bringing the account into compliance.

Conclusions of Law

1. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34 by failing to timely file 3 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports.

Agreement

In resolving this matter, Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

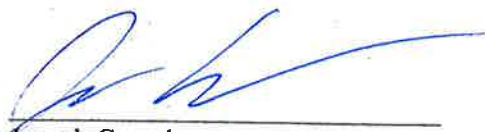
Respondent agrees to pay to the Commission late fees in the amount of \$375.00 for violating the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act. The total amount of \$375.00 shall be paid to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission within thirty (30) days of this order being finalized.

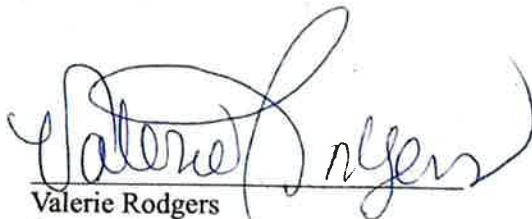
Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of facts are true, agrees with the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms of this Order. By signing this Order, Respondent, waives any right to appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1 *et. seq.*

Failure to comply with the terms herein, absent a showing of good faith, will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with said terms shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek enforcement action against the Respondent in Superior Court. The parties agree that all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Commission in any enforcement action shall be assessed against Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Order Prepared and Presented by:


Joseph Cusack
Deputy Director & General Counsel
Georgia State Bar No.: 492674


Valerie Rodgers
Respondent

SO ORDERED this 27th day of March, 2023.

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

BY:


James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chair